



Lloyd Johnson Visits Ancient Ruins

Tells of Mobbing of Two Elders, and Two Lady Missionaries in Mexico.

While he does not profess to be a blood hound archeologist, nor a book worm for library accounts of research among Mayan and Inca ruins still Lloyd Johnson of the Berkeley high council and manager of the Lura-Glo Products knows how to enjoy himself among the temples of past glories and also among the elders and the converts in Mexico and Yucatan, and withal make for himself a unique vacation, faith-promoting and relaxing. In the picture Lloyd stands before ancient ruins of Mitla, Oaxaca, Oax., Mexico. With him are seen an official guide and an Indian trader.

In a letter dated January 3, 1949 from "Hotel Turibba," he begins, "Evidences of the Book of Mormon's accounts are so numerous that there is not a single day that it is not manifested to me in one way or another."

Bro. Johnson tells first hand the shocking account of the brutal beating of two LDS missionaries, and the incarceration and threats to two lady missionaries in a town near Oaxaca where Lloyd was staying:

The Catholics seem to have declared open warfare on the LDS Church here. Two of our Elders were nearly beaten to death by a mob agitated by a Priest. Two Elders and two lady missionaries were visiting saints in a small town north of Pueblo when they were attacked. The girls were taken and locked in a dark room, and the two Elders were taken out to be killed. The mob had only one gun, but all were armed with machetes (big knives).

The Elders were beaten with stones and clubs, and then (the mob) would attempt to cut their heads off with the big knives. But everytime they would swing the knives at their necks, something would happen, so the knives would land flat on their upper arms. This was attempted so many times that their arms were mashed badly. One Elder also has a knee injury (broken and the water is lost). Both are one mass of scars."

"Every time the gun was poked in their faces (the instruction was to shoot them between the eyes) the gunman would aim and aim, and then someone else would say: 'If you're not going to shoot, let me,' so the gun was passed around the crowd. The elders looked down the barrel so many times that they thought it must be their end. But their lives were spared.

"After a while the mob seemed to have just sickened of their attempt and to have dispersed. The sisters were released after being locked up in that dark room for four hours thinking that the Elders had been killed. They were told that they would be next."

"I had them all out to dinner. Thought I would cheer them up a little. They appreciated the food, but said they were of good cheer and would never cease their work until the Lord called a halt. They would not tell me about the mobbing, nor even talk about it, but they were present when one of the saints told me the story."

Then Lloyd tells of a trip he made with four Elders and two native saints 160 miles north of Oaxaca where he is staying in order to visit a LDS family of seven and friends they had invited to come in for meetings. Bro. Johnson's bane seems to have been the goat's milk, and the community sleeping of the family and the visiting Elders and saints on the ground in that one windowless room of the adobe house.

However, he cannily avoided the latter by saying that it was the custom in his country to honor the ladies and children first, and that they (he and the elders) would sleep outside. By this ruse he says they avoided, among other things, the bugs, the he got his shoes and shirt wet from a rain that fell in the night.

Before returning from that trip Lloyd and the elders made a stiff climb and visited some ruins. Among the things they dug up was a round calendar stone, and a beautiful vase, pure white with red and purple purples.

Finally our traveler says that the day he wrote he had traveled across the so called "narrow neck of land," from one coast to the other. But he had to close, and promised another missive of news about other adventures.

Elder Howard Marsh, San Leandro Ward, Released From Argentine Mission; Called to Special Assignment by the Church

Elder Howard J. Marsh, who has been serving as counselor to two residents of the Argentine Mission, is now returning home via Europe on a special appointment for the Church, and also as an honorary traveling fellow in political science from the University of Southern California.

With a companion he will travel thru Spain, Switzerland, France, England and Wales. In Wales the two elders will make contact with relatives of the Welsh people living in the southern colonies (Patagonia, we understand) of Argentina where our missionaries have been successfully laboring and have made many friends, and converts.

While in Spain they will visit a group of Spanish students who

Temple Information

The complete calendar for every temple in the Church for 1950 is listed in the Church Section of the Deseret News for January 11, 1950. The Messenger will keep this calendar on file, so that anyone who wishes information later in the year may call on the editor. But for the convenience of our readers we are reproducing some of that information in this space.

However we include only the opening and closing dates and the holidays and vacation closing dates. Other data as to the times and hours of endowment sessions and the times for baptism we will keep on file for those who later wish to phone or write for it, as stated above.

The Arizona temple closes for General Conference the first week in April and the last week in September; closes for summer July 27, to reopen September 12; closes for year December 21, and reopens January 2, 1951.

The Idaho Falls temple closes for Conference April 5, 6, 7, and 8; closes for summer July 29; reopens September 5. Closes for the conference September 28, 29 and 30; reopening September 3; closes November 23; closes for year December 23; reopens on January, 1951.

The Logan temple closes for conference April 6, 7, 8, and 9; closes for summer July 22, May 30, July 24; closes for summer August 4, reopens September 11; closes for Conference September 29 and 30, October 1; also November 11 and 23. Closes for year December 15, 1950, reopens January 2, 1951.

The Manti temple closes for Conference April 5, 6, and 7; also May 30, July 4 and July 24; closes for summer July 28; reopens September 5; closes for October Conference September 28, 29; also closes November 30 and December 1. Closes for year December 22, and reopens January 2, 1951.

The St. George temple closes for July 4; closes for summer July 15; reopens September 5; closes November 30. Closes for year December 22 and reopens January 2, 1951.

The Salt Lake temple closes on February 11 and 22; closes for the General Conference, April 6, 7 and 8; also May 30. Closes for summer June 30, reopens September 14; closes September 4 and for General Conference September 29, 30 and October 1. Closes October 12 and November 23; reopens November 27. Closes for year December 15 and reopens January 2, 1951.

The Alameda county camps of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers met at the home of Daughter Wanda Harmon of Cragmont avenue, Berkeley, January 12, 1950.

Meeting January 30 honored those who worked for and secured the State Registered Landmarks at Ripon and Mossdale in San Joaquin county.

It was noted that these are only spots marked commemorating the "Mormons" of 103 years ago. They are also the only landmarks of "Mormon" participation in creating California before the discovery of gold in the state, and before the constitution of the state of Deseret (Utah May, 1949) or the Constitution of California.

Games, programs, dancing, both old fashioned and modern with a few folk dances thrown in for variety, community singing, etc. Everyone has fun; please come.

For information call LA 4-2757.

Are you lonely? Do you feel left out at socials? The "Aggregates club" was organized for you.

Composed principally of unmarried adults, the club meets weekly in Alameda ward recreation hall, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, Grand and Encinal avenue.

A delightful affair was the Oakland Stake Girl's party for their mothers held in Alameda chapel, January 19, 1949, and called the "Mother-Daughter Gala."

Under the general chairmanship of Mimi Candal, the party was invitation, giving the girls a chance to compose lovely rhymes as dainty invitations. The special talk on the theme of the evening, "Personal charm," was charmingly given by Irma Smith.

The musical program of the evening included such artists as Estralla Olszowka who sang two solos, Donna Carter with the two piano selections, and Ernestine Reidel who presented two violin solos.

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An Adjustment of Advertising Rates in the Messenger seems inevitable to keep in line with other publications and higher costs.

Therefore the Messenger's rate's beginning with the April issue, will be \$1.50 per Column inch in place of the current rate of \$1.25.

Since 1946 the Messenger circulation has increased from 2700 to 3500.



America's Greatest



Full-time missionaries of the Northern California Mission assigned to labor in the east and west San Francisco bay area as they were assembled in conference at the Oakland ward chapel, Saturday, January 21, 1950. Left to right, first row: District President Kent Bennion; Mission President Thomas Gardner, Sister Gardner, Elder Duane Call; second row: Elders Daryl Talbot, Wesley Wooten, Wade Dewey, C. R. Reid; third row, Elders W. B. Speakman, G. E. Fullmer, Wilbert Bentley, Bert Tennesmeyer and Kenneth Bennion.

—photo by Wilford E. Pennoch

Yours for Health and Strength

By BROTHER JONATHAN

Probably everyone as some time makes resolutions at the beginning of the year; but regardless of when you make your resolutions, it is never too late to make one concerning your health. Maybe you are in the best of health now. If so, make a resolution to stay that way. If you do not feel as you want to then make a resolution to get into condition so that you will "feel fit." This year can be your banner year for good health if you will only make it so, but the way you feel depends on what you do. You are responsible for your own physical condition.

If you are not feeling as you should, go away with all those little things that cause you so much discomfort such as headaches, colds, nervousness, lack of sleep, listlessness, and those all unnecessary aches and pains. If the need to gain weight is your problem, then begin doing the things that will help you put on those needed pounds. You will soon notice an improvement in the way you feel. If you need to lose weight, then do it the right way. Never try to reduce by just starving yourself.

Several ward groups are organizing special transportation parties to assure a large attendance and that no one is disappointed due to a lack of transportation. What is your ward doing? It's a genuine way to assure a really fine time for your ward members.

L. R. Jackson



Mother-Daughter Gala

A Farewell Testimonial was held in the Dimond Ward on January 3, 1950, for Louis R. Jackson. Elder Jackson entered the LDS Mission Home, January 9, 1950 from which he will leave for the Uraguan Mission.

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Pittsburg Ward has seen Bishop J. Harold Magleby released after several years of devoted service to the saints of Pittsburg, Antioch and Brentwood. Installed in the present bishopric are brethren shown above, standing left to right: Reid Peterson, clerk; Raymond Gibbs, second counselor; La Farr P. Astle, bishop; Kenneth Porter, first counselor.

All these brethren served with Bishop Magleby except Elder Porter, who is relatively a new member of the ward, and currently connected with the school of Antioch.

Accepting the report of a nominating committee headed by Herb Van Noy, the club re-elected A. D. Erickson president for another year and gave him as vice presidents, Don Alphin and Curt Millard, and elected Dennis Lauper, secretary, and Charles E. Mills treasurer.

Pres. Erickson passed among the members an architectural drawing of the proposed lodge as modified to meet suggestions of the January meeting. After an interesting discussion of a plan to build at cost and sell for profit a cottage in the east bay in order to raise an estimated \$2500 to \$3000 towards the cost of the lodge on the Stanislaus, a committee of three was appointed by the chair and empowered to proceed with the cottage construction. The committee consists of Jos. C. Eyring, chairman, Curt Millard I. B. Ball and Sam Scott with Curt Bybee as their advisor.

The club adopted a motion to the effect that it is the sentiment of the members of the club that the effect that it is the sentiment of the club that club members now pay to the club treasurer \$25 or more towards their first year allotment for the lodge project, this first year's fund now to be available as needed to finance the proposed cottage erection or lot purchase therefore.

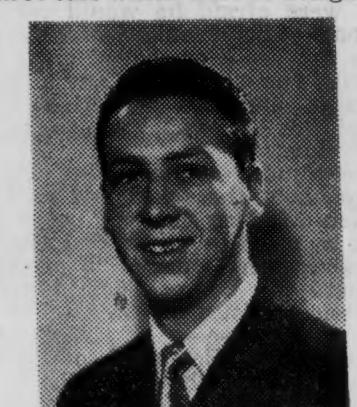
Finally, the club expressed its general sentiment for a future modification of the constitution of the club so as to enlarge club membership to 200 by making eligible owners and operators of their own business, and all professional people, and also officers and executives of both private and public corporations (not including city or state corporations).

instructions prior to leaving for the Great Lakes Mission. A graduate of Fremont High school and an employee of the Oakland Tribune, Elder Stephens was serving as the secretary of the Fourth Quorum of Elders, Dimond Ward, Oakland Stake, at the time of his call.

The parents of Elder Stephens are Marion G. and Estella Nielson Stephens. Brother "M. G." (as he is known by his friends) is a member of the Liahona Club and is a prominent LDS businessman in both Oakland and Alameda.

Elder Bruce L. Morgan

Elder Bruce L. Morgan, our Alameda ward missionary, reports from our rival stake of Florida that the people there are the best he ever met. He traveled east from Salt Lake City with a large number of missionaries filling three cars which were so designat-



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What is the Gift of the Holy Ghost?

Oak. Stake News

PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

The Trail Builders of the stake, with both their fathers or mothers, will be honored at a party March 10 in Hayward ward chapel in charge of the Stake Primary Board.

Primary Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, April 4 and 5. Union meeting for the Primary year and stake workers will be held in the Elmhurst chapel, 17 March.

At the Stake Primary Board meeting at Lucile Schow's in Alameda, Feb., Mavis Humphreys Dimond ward gave a very enlightening lesson on the Book of Mormon which will be the basis of the year's Primary study. Three former board members, Alta McClay, Charmean Vause and Beth Eggertson were honored and another board members, Leah Finchere, recognized since her day was her birthday.

RELIEF SOCIETY

The Stake Relief Society on March 4 will do the long-needed thing, that is give a party and dinner in honor of the older members of the seven wards, those of 65 and up. Over 200 are expected to attend.

Twenty-seven boxes of the best clothing obtainable were shipped to Japan to Pres. Vinal Mauss by Hilda Perkins and her stake board and the societies of the seven wards. Several new quilts and many blankets besides much clothing, and shoes, etc., were cleaned and neatly packed for 60 orphaned Japanese children in the care of a Japanese member of the church.

The speaker illustrated this by the young missionaries going into large cities seeking the few that are looking for the truth. They have no way of finding these few among the teeming millions, but the Holy Ghost knows.

"I have experienced this myself. On my mission to Australia I labored in Newcastle where there were only two saints. Going from door to door no one listened, and I became discouraged. I went alone on the hillside under some trees and prayed with all my heart to God, saying, 'Surely there are some earnest seekers here send me the Holy Ghost to guide me.'

It was announced the great DUP building in SLC will be completed in June of this year.

The convention consisted of reports of county presidents and an exhibit of pioneer relics.

A delicious luncheon was served, and everything was done by the West Bay Camps for the success of the convention.

lease after five years of faithful service as magazine director.

The ward Relief Societies are planning excellent programs at the ward Sacrament meetings, Sunday May 5.

WELFARE WORK

President Delbert F. Wright (Continued on page five).



It seems as though almost everyone is planning to join what will prove to be, no doubt, the largest Temple Caravan ever to leave Northern California. Reports are most encouraging.

However, the Pilgrim(age) Fathers would like to encourage all those who still have not signed a pledge card and given need

ed information thereon, please to do this without unnecessary delay. The caravan will leave the bay area Saturday morning, June 17, spending Saturday and Sunday on the way, arriving in Salt Lake City so as to be ready for the temple session Monday morning, June 19.

The committee must know very early who will drive their cars, which cars will have seats for non-driving members (at \$20.00 round-trip for transportation only), and also must know how many will wish seats in cars re-

served for them. Hence, the urgent request for all to sign up without delay. Get your recommendations as soon as you know you are to go.

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Martinez Ward

MISS KAY CREECH, Reporter.

Members of the ward were happy
to see the ground between the chapel
and the ward welfare building being
graded for extra parking area. Our
attendance has considerably increased
since the completion of the new building.

Congratulations to Vance Roskelly
who has been advanced to the office
of a priest and to Drayton G. Reed
who has been ordained a dea-
con.

We are happy to have Wanda Ros-
kelly back from the hospital and to
see Ira May recovering from
his recent operation.

Recently W. Greer, Keith Parker
and John L. Parker joined the ward.

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conventions in Chicago and Kansas City and vis-
iting with their brothers in Chicago.

What Things
Children Will Say

By MILDRED MORGAN
Alameda Ward

Little Dennis Morgan, my 3½
year-old grandson of Dimond, Reed
came so enamored of his swearing
and profaning bachelor neighbor
because of the many gifts and
sweetmeats that he gave Dennis,
that he began to mimic the pro-
fanity. At this the bachelor laugh-
ed hilariously, thus encouraging
Dennis to swear more.

Dennis' parents had to keep him
home from Sunday school because
they were afraid he would reel
off some of his "blankety-blanks."
Then the bachelor moved away.
Dennis forgot him and his
language, and was permitted to
attend Sunday school which he
dearly loved.

One Sunday while telling his
daddy about the songs and nice
teachers his face suddenly sobered
as he sided up to his dad and
whispered sorrowfully, "I can't
go there any more, daddy, they
say Jesus Christ, too."

Little Lewis Boyle IV, of Dimond
suggested that there be a
children's day. When asked why
he said: "We have a 'faver's' day
and 'muver's' day, now I want a
cake, candy and pajamas."

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March, 1950

11, Sat.—Spring party for Jr. Girls and Jr. M Men at Berkeley.
12, Sun.—Stake MIA Leadership meeting, 2:30 p.m.
18, Sat.—Stake M Men-Gleaner Girl banquet and dance.

APRIL

5, Wed.—Stake board meeting at Berkeley.
22, Sat.—Father and Son's outing.
28, Fri.—Stake Gold and Green Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium.
(not April 14, as previously planned and announced)

Huge Pilgrimage Dinner Focuses Attention
On June Caravan to Salt Lake City Temple

Dinner throngs totaling 385 feasted on chicken pie and the trimmings and then turned to applaud the two hours entertainment which featured a program of ten tableaux by the Gamma Rho Chi girls in dramatization of a richly stocked LDS "Book of Remembrance," and talks on the coming June caravan interspersed with entertainment numbers and consummated by the singing of the three winning theme songs by the Walnut Creek choir led by Nico D. Snell.

This was one of the outstanding events of the year for high inspiration combined with wholesome fun. Especially enjoyed was the elaborate "Book of Remembrance" dramatization which had been composed by Alma Dean Feller and staged by Dirk Decker.

Under the sponsorship of the pilgrimage committee, headed by Delbert H. Rock, the dinner accomplished its purpose of bestirring latent interest in the forthcoming June automobile caravan for temple work in the great Salt Lake temple. "Sel" Milward was at his best as master of ceremonies and the three "Melody Boys" of Walnut Creek, Paul Tucker in his professionally done impersonations in song, Hazel Ball's silver throated vocal solos, and the superb, soul-touching piano adaptations of old LDS favorite hymns by Nico D. Snell rounded out an evening of enjoyment capped by appeals by the winners.

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following excerpts from a letter by Elder Kenneth Perry are quoted:
"The cottage meetings are going along fine. Just the other night, Brother Grandjean asked for baptism. I certainly was thrilled as I know you will be. The only thing, I wished you could have been there to fully realize the experience and joy with me."

"I gave the last lesson in the Anderson outline. Enlarged upon it a little, especially on the testimony part and then asked him to give a little review on baptism and the Holy Ghost, authority, etc. Then I hit the necessity of being baptized. At the end of the evening, I asked him if he had any questions or anything that wasn't clear and he said, 'I have only one question, and that is one you posed to me earlier: when can I be baptized?'

"Then tears came to his eyes, and he bore his testimony; really was touching, and we all had tears in our eyes. He has stopped smoking completely and has started to come to Church. I think both he and his wife will be baptized soon. I'll write and tell you about it." That gives you an idea of the present spirit of the French mission.

I mentioned earlier that the customs of the French people impressed me. Similarly the French language and people impressed me. It is a very beautiful language and the people are a chosen people of the Lord. Evidence shows that they accept the gospel whenever they are properly given the message.

My impression of the French people is that they are of the same type and mind as we are, but their equipment is sometimes fifty years behind the times. Streets are laid by hand since they use cubic stones for the street surface instead of asphalt. Door entrances to houses must be widened by hand because the door jam is of granite and it must be chiseled out by hammer and chisel. Oxen pull old wagons or carts. Horses and coaches are quite common.

The morals of the French people are good. There is great family solidarity and the sanctity of the home is guarded. The American soldiers in France brought some condemnation upon the American people in the minds of the French people because they did not realize that the sanctity of the home is guarded there.

The French people have not joined the Church because they have not heard of it. The early Germans did not become Christians for the same reason. John Taylor was in France from 1849 to 1852. Someone else went there in 1862 but from then until 1910 there was no one from the Church. There were about six missionaries from 1910 to 1914. Then in 1920 there were about 30. From 1935 to this war the number in that field reached 75 but that was all. The present number in the mission is 150.

In our cottage meetings we were using a very good plan presenting a concise well documented explanation of the gospel. The material for this plan, compiled by the mission president, James L. Barr, was taken from the encyclopedias of the Catholic church. This has greatly aided the missionaries to understand and teach the predominantly Catholic French-speaking nations.

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Mormon Battalion Rides Again---1950

Monday, 13 March, 1950, a great gathering of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers will assemble at Salt Lake City, Utah, to leave at 7:00 a.m. on a re-enactment of the famous 2,000 mile march of the Mormon Battalion, which left Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1846, to make the greatest march of infantry ever recorded. This time the men will not march on foot this distance, but, in modern busses, will travel only part of the way, as the original path of these veterans of yesterday does not follow exact roads of today.

The first stop will be the south rim of Grand Canyon, for lodging the first night.

The following day, the caravan will ride on to Mesa, Ariz. for evening entertainment and a banquet.

The third day will be spent at Tucson.

On March 16, the caravan will arrive in San Diego where they will be met by the mayor. Dressed in Mormon Battalion uniform, they will march through the city, for an encampment at beautiful Balboa park.

Friday, March 17, will find the group as overnight guests of the Southern California Sons of Utah Pioneers, headed by Edward R. Perkins.

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The final stop will be at San Bernardino, the afternoon of March 18. Gov. Warren, along with Mayor James E. Cunningham, will greet the caravan. San Bernardino will be set apart that day as Mormon Battalion Day. Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah will par-

Oakland Stake Conference

(Continued from page one) ger for April will not be in the hands of the Saints before the conference date, we are now reminding all concerned in advance of the April 1 and 2 conference dates.

Let us be fair to ourselves; let us allow ourselves to attend where, in the proper spirit, we partake of the words of our Heavenly Father—the bread of life by which the Master of fine living said we should live.

We repeat: Be really fair to the better, finer side of our nature; be humble, obedient, deeply prayerful; attend sacrament meetings—which He has specifically counseled; attend stake conferences. Seek blessings and "ye shall find."

Finally, read some parts of scripture every day throughout life from this day forward; drink the waters of life as one daily drinks material water, and it will become both food and drink. Live the joyous life of one who thus becomes one with Jesus and the Father. Attend next Oakland Stake quarterly conference April 1st and 2nd.

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Walnut Crk. News

Look! See an 80-Year-Old
Missionary Making Second
Best Record in Central
Atlantic States Mission

The MIA wishes to invite you to a series of dances to be enjoyed on the last Thursday in each month. Last month was the first of these pleasant dancing parties, and it proved to be a great success. Come and have fun. The Junior Girls will be hostesses.

The Stake Relief Fund store, Walnut Creek, Saturday, March 11. Ladies of the ward have been asked to donate. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new sewing machine.

Stake Relief Fund store, Firestone was favored by Elders A. Moody and Speckman who spoke of faith-promoting experiences.

Adrian Osborn has recently been appointed by the State Agricultural Extension Service (University of California) to serve as home advisor in Contra Costa county. She has resigned her position as home service director for the L. J. Myrick company.

Accordingly, the company of about 500 colonists left Payson, Utah, on March 24, 1851, bound for southern California. They arrived, and encamped at Cajon Pass on May 28. A conference was held on July 5 and 6 1851, and an organization of the Church was set up.

Elders Lyman and Rich concluded purchase of a tract of land, known locally as the San Bernardino Ranch, on Sept. 22, 1851. It had 80,000 to 100,000 acres, and was priced at \$77,000 on time payments.

On July 4, 1856, about 2000 members of the Church in southern California sat down to a feast in San Bernardino. However, most of the Latter-day Saints left their California homes in 1857, when Brigham Young directed them to return to the "Valleys of the Mountains" to defend their mountain homes from invasion by John C. Frémont's Army.

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been followed faithfully, page by page. And for the sake of the child's interest and understanding the story is dramatized, illustrated, and told in the simple language of today. Great care has been expended to make the background upon which the facts of the story are woven geographically and historically correct.

Because a child's greatest interest is centered in his home and his family, and he is more familiar with family life situations than any others, emphasis has been placed on this phase of the story.

Many hundreds in Oakland and Berkeley stakes will well remember our dear friend and brother, William A. Moody. Here are extracts from a letter which that remarkable man has sent us from Ashboro, North Carolina. Judge for yourselves how happy he is, and how wonderful he feels to almost lead the whole mission in the sale and distribution of Books of Mormon, and tracts, and in the county of cottage meetings held.

Just an extract from the Annual Mission report: 670 baptisms, 10,181 Books of Mormon placed; 22,680 other books sold; 48,607 cottage meetings attended. Referring to Books of Mormon the report says:

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Business News

Elder Howard Marsh, recently released from the Argentine, is now in England nearing the completion of a tour of Europe. We are looking forward to his arrival home.

If you men out in San Leandro let your hair just go any old way, it's not going to be the fault of our "strongest man" among our LDS business men in the east bay, our able muscled "Brother Jonathan" of the Healthatorium on Piedmont near MacArthur, reports that Miss Lowla Stam is associated with him in the healthatorium in charge of the ladies department. Lowla is a professional masseuse. Good news for your ladies.

The latter is concerned at present with bringing a new Union depot to Oakland, so that all rail, bus and air lines would come into one big depot. Another project of this committee is that of getting two throughways cut between MacArthur and East 14th street to take care of some traffic jams. World trade is a subject which Wm. H. has had to deal personally in his own business as importer of fine blankets. He also exports and jobs in this branch of trade. The Messenger greets our old and choice friend, Wm. H. Evans, one of the godfathers of the Messenger when it first had air blown into its lungs by the Lianga club in April, 1946.

Our very dearest friend, Clyde Lindsay, former counselor in the old S. F. and the early Oakland stake presidencies, dropped in the other Sunday. He's building homes as always but now in that bustling area of Hayward and south to Newark. Clyde is also now serving Hayward as its S. S. Superintendent. And sweet Marie was with Clyde when they called.

• We refer to Marion Caldwell of the Caldwell Roofing Co. at 6420 Shattuck. He's been doing the roof of the big building of Lederer Street and Zeus on Alston Way, and the Arco Drainage and Metal Products on 7th and Parker, but he says most of his interest is in residence. Louis Rowland is associated with Marion. They have a good following here and in Pittsburg.

• Bonnie Shields (Oakland ward) the teacher of dance says she would like the Church people to know that she is willing to put on entertainment numbers, tap, ballet and acrobatic. Her pupils love to do this, and so does Bonnie. Call her as her ad is in the Messenger. She'll suit the dancing to the occasion no matter whether in home or amusement hall, before children or adults.

• If Don Wood tells us that

Refinol is better for less than

fresh oils we just gotta wonder

maybe 'cause he sells it, and

through the Haslett Warehouse

Company of Oakland and Los Angeles tells us they are overjoyed with the results after a year's use of Refinol

on their fleet of fifty trucks, then

maybe, we gotta rub our beards

and say, "Well, that's something

else again. Don, good for you!

Fill'er up and we'll try it too

if it's that good."

That big Haslett outfit has a lab

of its own to test samples of oil

from its trucks. They have used

two drums of oil a month of Refinol

whereas it took four barrels

before. Moreover, they are doing

to tear down their motors and

clean sludge out once a year on

the average, now they have some

motors that have run on Refinol

for three years and the lab still

says O. K.

• Jenny Caldwell of Caldwell

beauty and barber (Jenny and

Earl of Oakland ward, you know)

says she is having fine trade just

now on account of her special

on permanents. Glad for Jenny

and for the gals, too.

• The Utah turkey association

is originating a national move-

ment for "turkey by the piece"

sale of the usual Thanksgiving

birds so as to encourage all the

year use of turkey meat by the

average American.

• Mrs. Lenore Hill of Berkeley

ward, reports encouraging

response from the saints of the east

bay in sending to her their maga-

zine renewals and new orders.

Sister Hill is experienced in this

and thus insures efficient service

to all colony members. Her num-

ber is in the phone book and the

last Messenger ad.

• Sel and Curt Millward,

Clemont ward, will soon an-

ounce, they say, an attractive

sale of case lot canned goods.

They challenge anyone to name a

kind of canned food they cannot

supply at this special sale.

• Dennis L. Lauper, our insur-

ance broker from Dimond

ward, and associated with our old

friend Harold Jensen of San Fran-

isco, reports that 1949 was no

farce for the fact that fire losses

decreased over 1948, the first time

this has happened in a decade.

Fire prevention week needs to be

observed every week, Dennis re-

marks.

• Fred J. Breneman, Rachel and

I. B. Ball's grandson-in-law, one

of the most expert upholsterers in

the entire bay area, has opened

his own business under the name

of Fred J. Breneman Upholstery

Co., at 6253 Clemont avenue,

just off College, with a phone HU-

3-6920. Good going, Fred.

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president of the Lihana club,

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They have a good following

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• Elmer Harker of the Harker

and Jeffries Builders, Clemont

ward, recently completed a two

bedroom home in Orinda, and is

now finishing a three bedroom

home for private

parties. We suppose most know

that they finished Dr. Robert

Larsen's four bedroom House for

him in Happy Valley. Lufi etc.

before he left for England on the

trip from which he and his family

recently returned.

• Herb Van Noy (Dimond

ward) is getting to be like the

man who mounted his horse and

rode off in four directions.

What we mean is that Herb now

is proprietor of Maltby) of

four modern hardware stores.

Know where? Well there are three

Maltby-Van Noy hardware stores

the main one at 5601 College

avenue one at 1919 Webster

street, Alameda, and the new one

at 14624 East 14th Street, San

Leandro; besides these there is

the big "Oak Hardware Store,"

1855 Solano avenue Berkeley, and St. Paul, Minnesota.

He married in the Salt Lake Temple.

Marjorie Yester, who had just

arrived from the North Central States.

Brother Nelson served

in various capacities in the Val-

lejo ward and, at the time of the

burning of the Vallejo Tabernacle

he was serving in the



Appearing before most if not all of the wards of the two East Bay stakes, as well as before many civic, religious and musical assemblies over the past several years, the Mormon Male Chorus has won for itself the warmest affections of the local colony for its high artistry and unselfish devotion.

The last two quarterly stake conferences, one the Oakland, and the other the Berkeley stake conference, have been favored with sacred songs from the chorus under the leadership of Robert Sant and to the accompaniment of Mary Watkinson's playing.

Appropriately, therefore, we present a group picture of the chorus by Edward Pyle, commercial and portrait photographer of Berkeley (the a member of Walnut Creek ward) taken in February, 1950.

Back row, left to right: Mary Watkinson, accompanist; Marriner Swenson, James Kay, Joseph E. Russin, Harold Miller, Wendell Martin, Richard Alphin, Truman Nethercott, Earl Larson, Afton Stout, Gill Larson, Eugene D. Harris, Jay L. Robinson, Vao Cheney, Denzel Allen, Sr., and Jack Fitzpatrick.

Front row: Leland Wright, Alfred W. Fontana, Blain Wilson, Dean S. Hawley, Paul Summerhays, Alfred H. Uffens, Carl Decker, Glen Shaw, Jr., Rodney Pocock and Leon Baer.

Front: Robert Sant, leader. Absent: Cornell Jarman, Robert Brummett, Bert Boetes. Members at present on leave: Denzel Allen, Jr., Ted Baer, Jay Brown, Herbert A. Weiland, Oscar McCarthy and Leonard Lyons.

L.D.S. Girls Activities

Bishops Are Special Guests

At Quartely Advisory Meeting

Highlights of the quarterly advisory meeting of the Oakland Stake Girls' Committee, January 30, in Dimond ward chapel, were addressed by Bishops W. T. Webb, A. G. Jackson and Elmo Smith, inspirational talks by MTA advisor, Rhea Gustaveson, and S. S. advisor, Leonard Lyon, and a progress report by Oakland stake chairman of the Girls' Committee, Ruth S. Hilton.

In all, 284 girls are enrolled in the wards of the stake, and 47 women are working on various committees. Each advisor has an average of eight girls in her care. An increase of LDS girls in attendance at Church meetings has upped from 39 per cent a year ago to 58 per cent for the month of December, 1949.

In 1948 48 girls of the stake qualified for individual awards given out by the Presiding Bishop's office, while in 1949, 76 girls won the happy distinction. Each ward is included in this increase.

Peggy Mauss, now in Japan with her parents, Mission President Vinal G. Mauss, and his wife, Ethel, will get her award this year as she has done other years. Peggy writes from Tokio, January 18, 1950.

"I certainly appreciate the extra trouble you have gone to in order that I might get my award. It has always meant a great deal to me to get these awards which I have received each year since the Girls' Work was commenced by the Church, and each award has given me a stronger desire to work harder for the next one. I spite of the seven thousand miles separating us I still feel a part of good old Oakland ward. I wish I could be there to share the spirit of award night. These dinners have always been a highlight of the winter season."

Peggy enclosed a pretty snapshot of herself wearing a beautifully patterned Komono of the Japanese lady.

ALADEMA WARD

Bobby Loise Cobb, 16 years, has been identifying herself with the LDS Girls' for many months. Her baptism into the Church made us all happy. Alameda's age group 17-20 held an average of 88 per cent attendance as Sacramento meetings, one of the highest in the stake. Why not other groups top even this record sometime?

DIMOND WARD

Dimond has held the Victory Trophy for two months. The Dimond ward Girls' Chorus sang for stake conference Sunday evening, January 23. "Our program," writes the ward chairman, "has helped our girls realize how important it is to help one another, especially those who are shy and new. We have realized that to be loved we must love others. Now we all try to make the 'new' girl feel welcome as soon as she comes into the ward."

ELMHURST WARD

This ward's meeting attendance by the girls is outstanding: 72 per cent at Sacramento meetings. Hav-

Shall the LDS Business-Professional Directory be Printed in Pocket Size?

If you wish the April Messenger directory of East Bay LDS business and professional members reprinted in a stapled, pocket-size edition please see blank below.

Some Liahona club members have urged that such a reprint should be prepared and mailed free to our Messenger mailing list, and that some extra copies should be furnished free to all whose names are included. Ads would pay the cost of course.

A feeling exists that there would be enough value in this handy form of the directory to justify advertising therein similar to the display ads in the telephone directory, inserted alphabetically near the business names. The advertising rates would be kept at a minimum on a reasonable cost-plus basis: \$1.50 (or less if possible) per horizontal inch and full page width.

We will proceed if you wish us to. It depends upon the response sent in at this time.

THE MESSENGER:

I think the Messenger should as soon as possible, distribute free (as mentioned above) the LDS business and professional directory in handy pocket form.

I subscribe for _____ inches of advertising space at rates mentioned above, and enclose copy.

Signed _____
Address and Phone _____

(Mail to The Messenger, 1612 Spruce St., Berkeley 9, Calif., before March 20, 1950, in order that the printer may know whether to hold the April issue type for the re-print.)

BERKELEY BOOK OF REMEMBRANCES CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The Stake Genealogical committee is sponsoring a stakewide contest for those of ages 12 to 17 to encourage them in starting their "Books of Remembrance."

There will be a prize awarded for the best book submitted and the winner will be announced in the June issue of the Messenger.

The rules are as follows:

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3. Books will be judged on originality and completeness in the field chosen. Each person is encouraged to use their own imagination and initiative in choosing and filling out their book. There is no set form.

The deadline will be the next stake conference, May, 1950.

Boys and girls, here's your opportunity to show what you can do—have fun and start your "Book of Remembrance" now in time for the contest. YOU may be the winner.

If there are any questions re-

176 LDS Elders Descend On Oakland for Northern Calif. Mission Conference

Holding the first mission-wide conference in many years, President Thomas W. Gardner with counselors Alwyn C. Sessions and Robert Day, met the 176 elders of the Northern California Mission in a three-day conference at the Oakland chapel February 8, 9 and 10. Holding three sessions each day, the conference was addressed by former Mission President W. Aird Macdonald; Thomas C. Byrne formerly of the mission presidency, and Dr. Emery R. Ranker of the Berkeley stake presidency, besides the mission presidency.

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Year's Welfare Accomplishments

President Wayne Mayhew reported at the stake conference the annual budget assessments and accomplishments for 1949 for Berkeley Stake. The accomplishments include 27,278 cans of fruit (apricots, peaches, peaches,) and tomatoes, besides 6000 pounds of dried prunes; clothing and cash.

The value of the canned goods totals \$6,533.62 dried prunes \$310, clothing \$933, and cash \$2,503.76. A total value of \$10,825.63, or 89 per cent of the stake assignments total of \$12,110.

Half of the canned goods was shipped to the general committee and went to the needy saints in Europe, the prunes also, except \$84 worth were shipped to Salt Lake; the clothing remained in the stake store house together with 13,000 cans of fruit and tomatos.

Pears represent the largest canning operation and were contributed largely by Walnut Creek and Martinez, with Napa helping out. Vallejo went heavy on the apples while the apricots came from Pittsburg and Brentwood and the tomatoes from Napa and Martinez. Martinez also contributed a small amount of peaches, Napa, of course, featured dried prunes.

While the stake as a whole reached 89 per cent of its assigned welfare budget, some wards made excellent records far over 100 per cent of their budget assignments. Walnut Creek reached 190 per cent, Berkeley second 136 per cent, while Napa went to 111 per cent. Most of the other wards ran around 80 per cent, though Berkeley first almost reached 95 per cent while Pittsburg stood at 55 per cent, Fairfield 49 per cent and Vallejo 30 per cent.

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